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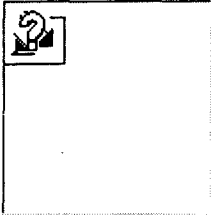
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Re: Judge to Weigh Private Microsoft Antitrust Deal

- > U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz will have to
- > decide whether the settlement proposed by the
- > company is a creative solution that will put
- > computers in the hands of poor school children
- > or a legal ruse that will further the company's
- > dominant position in the computer business.

Much more than the private Microsoft antitrust deal, Motz will be deciding whether the US legal system will be hijacked and used by corporations to quell dissent to their economic/technical despotism via philanthropy. We The People do not need Microsoft's philanthropy with a noose attached. Microsoft is destroying our institutions by destroying our value of the principles that underly them.

- > Central to the dispute is a U.S. antitrust doctrine
- > that holds that only a ``direct purchaser" can collect
- > damages in private antitrust suits.



"You see how loophole works for large corporation? Kind of looks like economic/technical despot holds special place in heart of public servant, no? Ha ha ha ha..."